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SUBJ: ANGOLAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC LEADER CALLS AT EMBASSY

1. JOHN BUNGA, DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS LEADER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF ANGOLA (PCDA), CALLED AT EMBASSY JULY 22. HE INDICATED HE WAS IN LISBON TOGETHER WITH FIVE OTHER PARTY LEADERS AT REQUEST OF GOP AND HAD ALREADY HAD CONTACT WITH GENERAL COSTA GOMES AND PRESIDENT SPINOLA. HE SAID PCDA WAS ACTIVE PARTICULARLY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, LUANDA ITSELF BEING, HE CONCEDED, DOMINATED BY MPLA. HE CLAIMED PCDA HAS REPRESENTATION IN ALL DISTRICTS OF ANGOLA. HE ADDED THAT EFFORTS ARE NOW UNDER WAY FOR PCDA AND SEVERAL OTHER POST-APRIL 25 PARTIES TO SUBMERGE THEIR DIFFERENCES AND FEDERATE NOW WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF FUSION LATER IN ORDER TOHAVE UNITED EFFORT WORKING TOWARDS INDEPENDENCE WHICH HE SAID MUST COME IN TWO TO THREE YEARS. HE INDICATED THAT AMONG OTHER PARTIES THEY ARE IN TOUCH WITH IS UNITA.

2. PERHAPS MOST INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT WAS HIS STATEMENT THAT HE AND HIS FELLOW-TRAVELERS WOULD BE
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TOCO, LEADER OF RELIGIOUS SECT WITH WIDE FOLLOWING
INSIDE ANGOLA AND WHICH LINKED TO KIMBANGIST CHURCH
IN ZAIRE. BUNGA GROUP HAS BEEN IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH
TOCO AND LATTER HAS AGREED TO RETURN TO LUANDA IN
AUGUST. CLEARLY BUNGA EXPECTED THAT TOCO'S RETURN AND
PRESUMED SUPPORT FOR PCDA WOULD GIVE LATTER CONSIDERABLE
BOOST.

3. INEVITABLE STANDARD REQUEST FOR SUPPORT BOTH MORAL
AND MATERIAL WAS PRESENTED BY BUNGA IN CONTEXT OF
UNLIMITED SUPPORT PROVIDED BY RUSSIANS AND CHINESE TO
MPLA AND FNLA. EMBOFF OBSERVED THAT US HAD LEARNED
OVER THE YEARS THAT INTERFERENCE IN POLITICAL AFFAIRS
OF OTHER COUNTRIES WAS A MISTAKE AND SUGGESTED THAT THERE
WERE MANY PORTUGUESE INDUSTRIALISTS WHO HAD IMPORTANT
INTERESTS TO PROTECT IN ANGOLA ANDWHOSE FINANCING OF
POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN ANGOLA WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED
INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLAN AFFAIRS. EMBOFF ALSO SUGGESTED
THAT BUNGA CONTACT CONGEN LUANDA. BUNGA SAID STEPS
FOR SUCH CONTACT HAD BEEN MADE BUT WERE INTERRUPTED BY
THE CALL BY GOP FOR HIM AND HIS COHORTS TO COME TO LISBON.

4. BIOGRAPHIC NOTES: BUNGA COMES FROM DAMBA IN UIGE
DISTRICT. HE APPEARS BE ABOUT 35 YEARS OLD. SAYS HE
LEFT ANGOLA AT AGE FIVE AND THAT ALL HIS UPBRINGING AND
SCHOOLING TOOK PLACE IN WHAT IS NOW ZAIRE (WHICH WOULD
EXPLAIN HIS ATROCIOUS PORTUGUESE). HE CLAIMS TO HAVE
BEEN ONE OF THE "OUTSTANDING" LEADERS OF ANGOLAN DEMOCRATIC
PARTY (PDA) WHICH FORMED PART OF FNLA OF WHICH, THEREFORE,
HE WAS ALSO AN IMPORTANT LEADER. HE LEFT ZAIRE IN 1972
IN DISAGREEMENT OVER FNLA WILLINGNESS ATTACK INNOCENT
PEOPLE AND RETURNED TO ANGOLA WHERE HE WAS ARRESTED BY
DGS AND SENT TO SAO NICOLAU PRISON.
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